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SUBJECT: NATIONAL DEFENSE UNIVERSITY VISIT TO THE SOVIET
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1. WE BELIEVE AN NDU VISIT TO THE USSR, EVEN WITHOUT AN
EXCHANGE ARRANGEMENT, WILL STILL BE WORTHWHILE. AT LEAST
WE ARE PREPARED TO GIVE IT A TRY THIS YEAR AND TO DECIDE

SUBSEQUENTLY WHETHER SUCH VISITS SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN IN FUTURE. THIS WOULD OFFER THE OPPORTUNITY FOR NDU STUDENTS TO STUDY THE USSR MUCH THE SAME AS THEY STUDY OTHER COUNTRIES, AND WOULD ALSO KEEP POSSIBILITY ALIVE OF RECIPROCAL VISITS BY SOVIETS AT SOME FUTURE DATE. WE DO NOT WISH THAT THE PRECEDENT OF LAST YEAR BE ALLOWED TO FADE.

2. ACCORDINGLY, EMBASSY SHOULD APPROACH MOD AND MFA SOONEST AND ASK ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING WITH INTOURIST A TOUR OF THE USSR. REQUEST EMBASSY MAKE EVERY ATTEMPT TO ARRANGE IN CONTEXT OF PROPOSED "MILITARY PLAN" MEETINGS WITH APPROPRIATE CIVIL AND MILITARY AUTHORITIES AND APPROPRIATE ACADEMIC INSTITUTES (E.G., IMEMO, SSHA) DURING THE VISIT. ALSO, REQUEST THAT EMBASSY MAKE ANY REQUIRED

INTERNAL ARRANGEMENTS WITH INTOURIST (CITE 21182020 28-6000 P814751.42000 2130S49092 FB 76). NDU WILL ACQUIRE AIRLINE TICKETS TO AND FROM MOSCOW.

3. FOR PLANNING PURPOSES, A PROPOSED GENERAL ITINERARY AND OTHER PREFERENCES ARE OUTLINED BELOW. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT IT IS GETTING QUITE LATE FOR EXTENSIVE COORDINATION AND NDU WILL APPRECIATE EMBASSY ARRANGING BEST POSSIBLE PROGRAM IN TIME AVAILABLE.

4. TWELVE MILITARY STUDENTS AND FACULTY WILL TRAVEL TO
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THE USSR. MG HARRISON LOBDELL, USAF, WILL LEAD THE GROUP. GROUP WOULD WELCOME ACCOMPANYING DAO REPRESENTATIVE. SUGGEST AN ITINERARY WHICH INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING:

A. 11 APRIL 1545 ARRIVE IN MOSCOW VIA PAN AM NO. 66. SPEND THREE DAYS IN MOSCOW. MEETINGS WITH MOD AND MFA REPRESENTATIVES, APPROPRIATE SESSIONS WITH US EMBASSY EXPERTS, AND VISITS AND TOURS TO POINTS OF INTEREST SHOULD ALL BE SCHEDULED, IF POSSIBLE. GENERAL LOBDELL REQUESTS OPPORTUNITY TO PAY CALL ON GEN LT GUDZ, MALINOVSKY TANK ACADEMY, WHOM HE HOSTED DURING VISITS NWC LAST SEPTEMBER. APPROPRIATE CULTURAL EVENTS IN THE EVENING, AND A RECEPTION, PERHAPS HOSTED BY DATT AND MG LOBDELL, WOULD BE BENEFICIAL, ALTHOUGH UNFORTUNATELY NDU GROUP HAS NO, REPEAT, NO OFFICIAL FUNDS TO SUPPORT THIS EFFORT.

B. 14 APRIL AT 2345 RAIL TO LENINGRAD. TWO AND ONE-HALF DAYS IN LENINGRAD WITH MEETINGS AND VISITS TO POINTS OF HISTORIC AND CULTURAL INTEREST, AS APPROPRIATE. PERHAPS SOME EVENT AT THE CONSULATE INVOLVING PERSONNEL FROM MILITARY SCHOOLS AND THE LENINGRAD MILITARY DISTRICT WOULD

ALSO BE FEASIBLE.

C. AFTERNOON OF 17 APRIL FLY TO KIEV. A TOUR OF A MAJOR INDUSTRIAL ENTERPRISE, IF SUCH CAN BE ARRANGED, PLUS VISITS TO POINTS OF HISTORIC OR CONTEMPORARY IMPORTANCE, SHOULD BE SCHEDULED. SPEND A FULL DAY HERE.

D. LATE AFTERNOON OR EVENING 18 APRIL FLY TO MOSCOW. DEPART MOSCOW BY AIR ON PAN AM NO. 67 AT 0825 ON 19 APRIL.

5. REQUEST EMBASSY COMMENTS SOONEST, IF POSSIBLE AFTER INITIAL CONTACTS WITH MOD, MFA AND INTOURIST. AMONG OTHER URGENT REQUIREMENTS, NDU MUST REQUEST VISAS NO LATER THAN

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28 MARCH. WE WILL ALSO CONTACT INTOURIST HERE IN WASHINGTON AS SOON AS :MBASSY CONFIRMS THAT IT IS PROCEEDING WITH ARRANGEMENTS AT THAT END.

6. NDU ACTION OFFICER IS LCDR HARLAN ULLMAN. AUTOVON 2238491; COMMERCIAL 693-8491.

7. OTHER ASPECTS OF REFTTEL WILL BE SUBJECT OF SEPARATE MESSAGE.

8. GDS 31 DECEMBER 1981.

9. PLEASE INCLUDE NDU AS INFO ADDRESSEE ON ALL SUBSEQUENT MESSAGES.
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